

**Research field:** Radiation-matter interactions / Solid state physics, chemistry and nanosciences  
Biological chemistry / Life Sciences

**Title:** Potential application of ultrafast X rays : toward a real time detection of DNA structural changes under irradiation

**Abstract:** The aim of this study is to measure in real time changes in DNA structure exposed to ionizing irradiation. This will be performed by a combination of high intensity laser excitation to trigger DNA damages and of ultrafast X ray scattering to follow the impact of those damages on DNA structure. The results are thought to contribute to a better understanding of the mechanism of DNA strand break formation by ionizing radiations but also by "chemical" oxidizing agents, such as radicals produced in normal or pathological metabolic processes.

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